



CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHIES *of* CHINA

CONFUCIANISM

LEGALISM

DAOISM

WARRING STATES

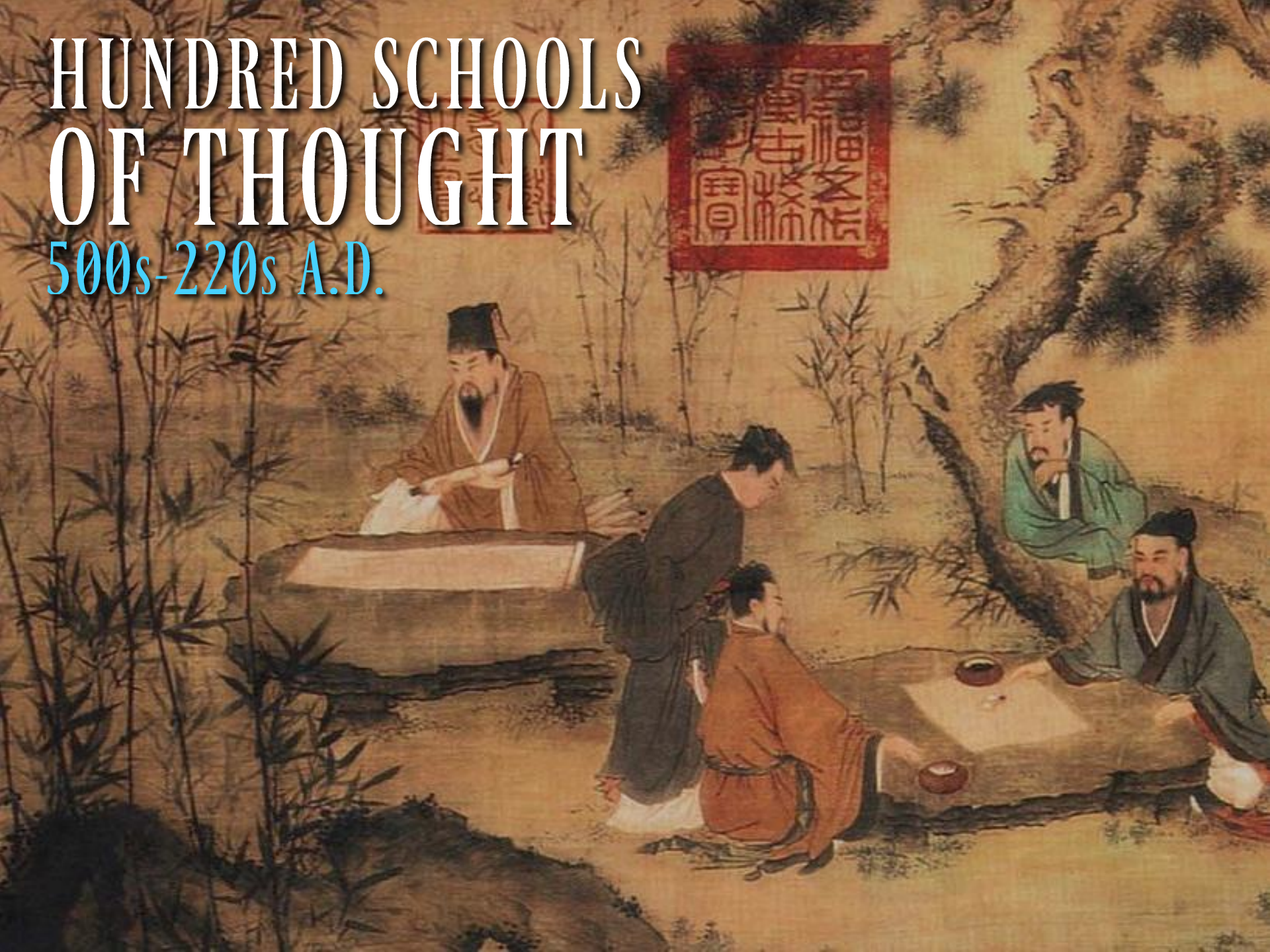
470S B.C. — 220S B.C.

WHEN THE ZHOU DYNASTY
BEGAN TO FALL APART 8
MAJOR STATES/FACTIONS
EMERGED IN CHINA
FIGHTING FOR CONTROL.



HUNDRED SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

500s-220s A.D.



MAJOR CLASSICAL CHINESE PHILOSOPHIES



CONFUCIANISM



CONFUCIUS

KONGZI (551-479 B.C.)

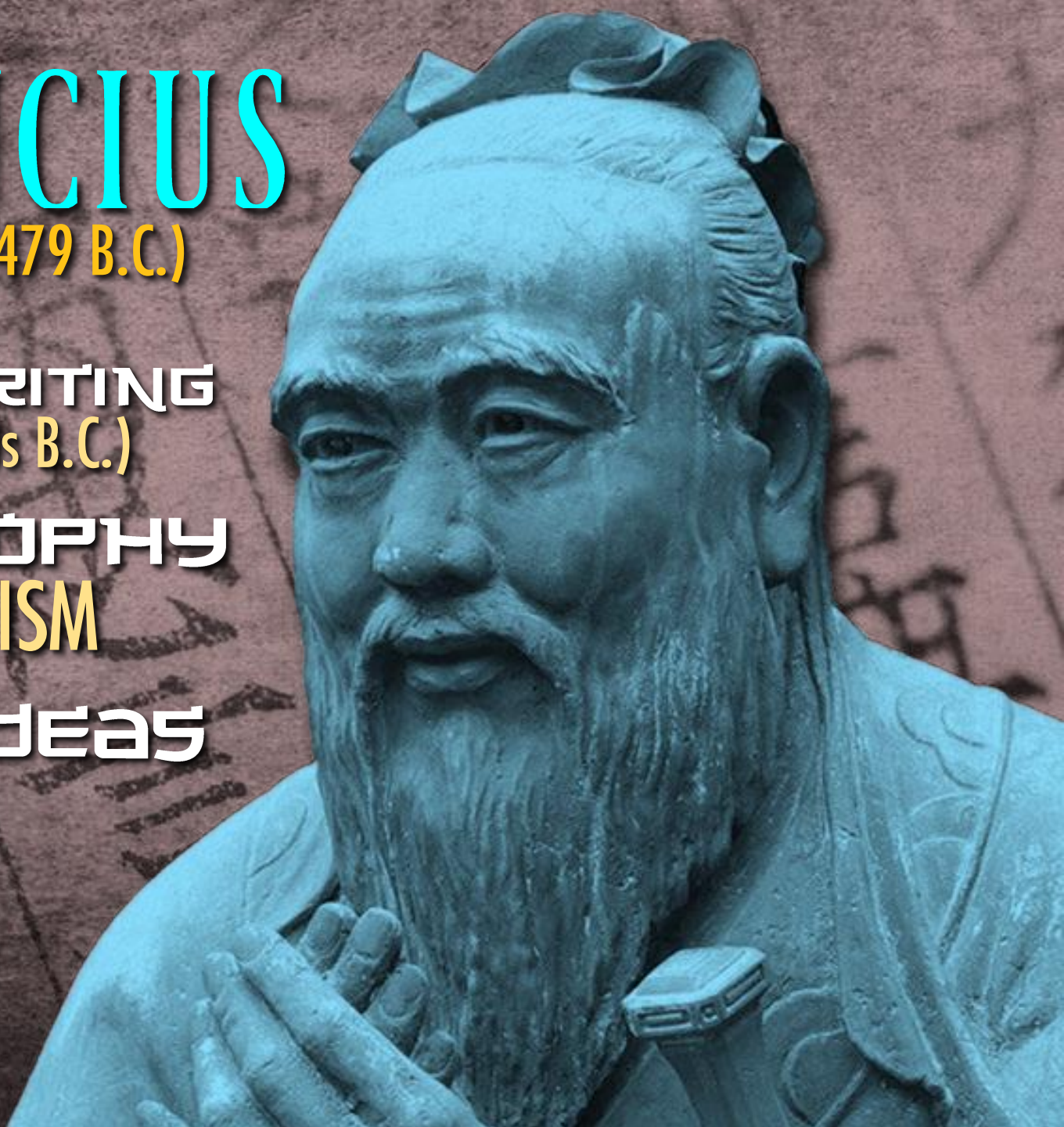
MAJOR WRITING
ANALECTS (c. 500s B.C.)

PHILOSOPHY
CONFUCIANISM

MAJOR IDEAS

RESPECT = ORDER

LEADER → LEAD BY
EXAMPLE





WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH SOCIETY?

Humans are inherently good BUT external circumstances (bad upbringing) make them bad

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Society is in chaos because people are not educated or developed properly to become disciplined respectful human beings

The background of the entire slide is a collage of traditional Chinese paintings. The top section features a red-tinted painting of a group of people in a social gathering. Below this, the middle section shows a painting of a man in a blue robe seated at a table. The bottom section displays a painting of several people in a room, with one person standing and addressing a group seated at a long table.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?

禮 “lǐ” 1. RITUAL PROPRIETY

孝 “xiào” 2. FILIAL PIETY

3. OBEDIENCE TO HONORABLE PEOPLE

4. UNIVERSAL WISDOM VS. CREATIVITY

BENEVOLENCE

仁 (Rei)

RITUAL PROPRIETY

禮 (Li)

RIGHTEOUSNESS

義 (Yi)

WISDOM

智 (Zhi)

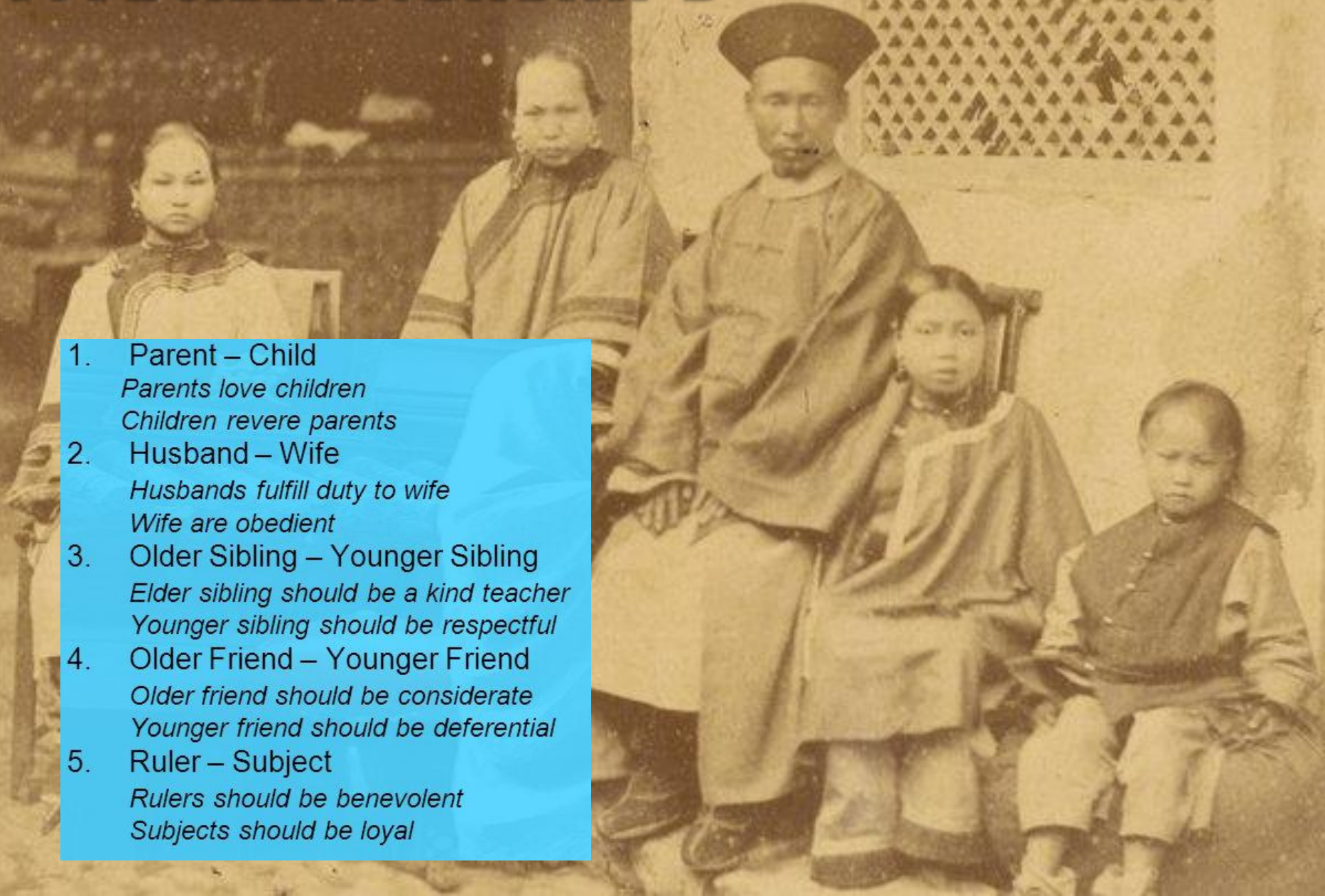
INTEGRITY

信 (Xin)

5 CONSTANT VIRTUES

FIVE RELATIONSHIPS

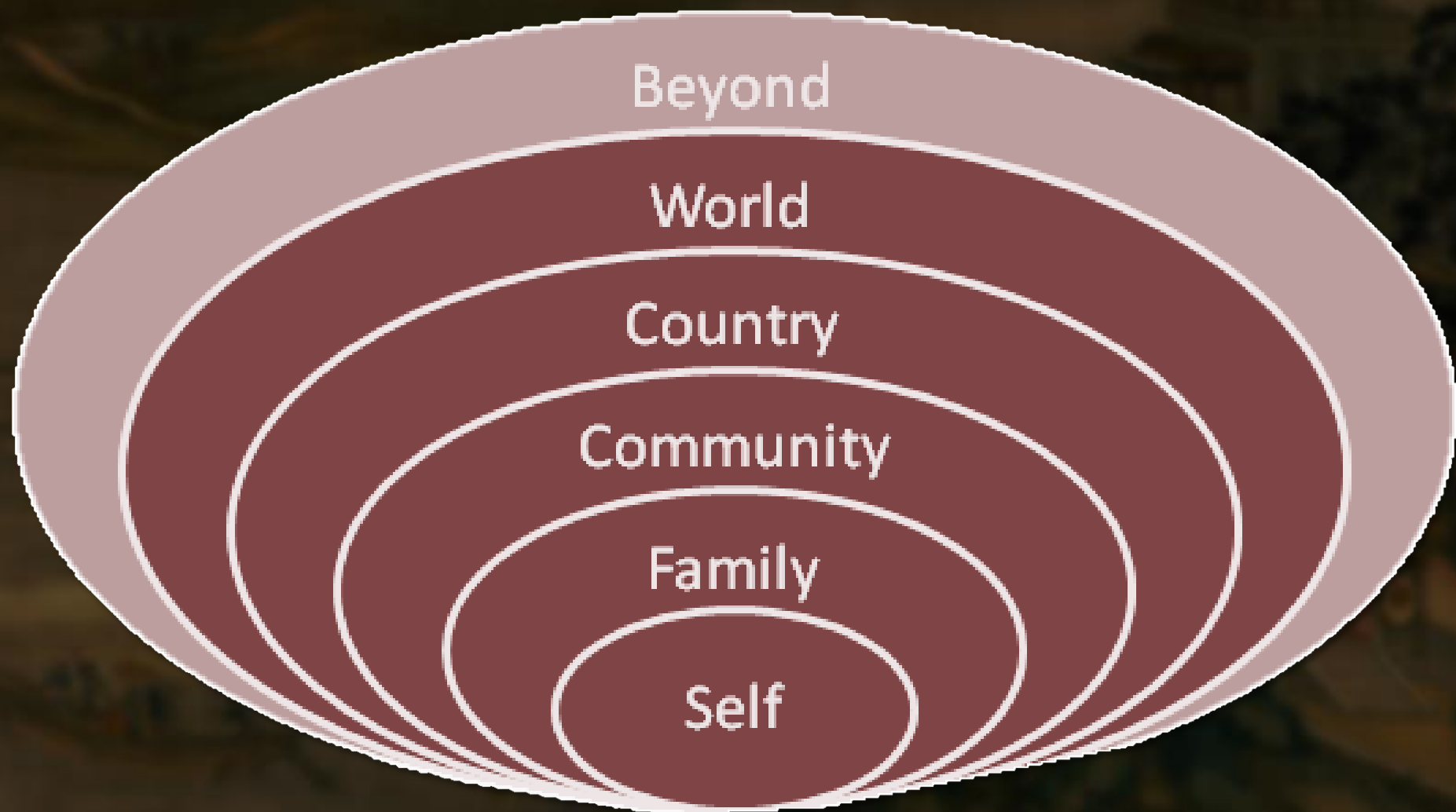
1. Parent – Child
Parents love children
Children revere parents
2. Husband – Wife
Husbands fulfill duty to wife
Wife are obedient
3. Older Sibling – Younger Sibling
Elder sibling should be a kind teacher
Younger sibling should be respectful
4. Older Friend – Younger Friend
Older friend should be considerate
Younger friend should be deferential
5. Ruler – Subject
Rulers should be benevolent
Subjects should be loyal





WHO ARE YOU?

WISHING TO ESTABLISH ONESELF,
ONE ESTABLISHES OTHERS;
WISHING TO ENLARGE ONESELF,
ONE ENLARGES OTHERS.
- CONFUCIUS -



“In serving his parents the filial son is as reverent as possible to them while they are living. In taking care of them he does so with all possible joy; when they are sick he is extremely anxious about them; when he buries them he is stricken with grief; when he sacrifices to them he does so with the utmost solemnity. These five [duties] being discharged in full measure, then he has been able [truly] to serve his parents.”

CONFUCIUS—



"If your desire is for good, the people will be good. The moral character of the ruler is the wind; the moral character of those beneath him is the grass. When the wind blows, the grass bends"

CONFUCIUS—



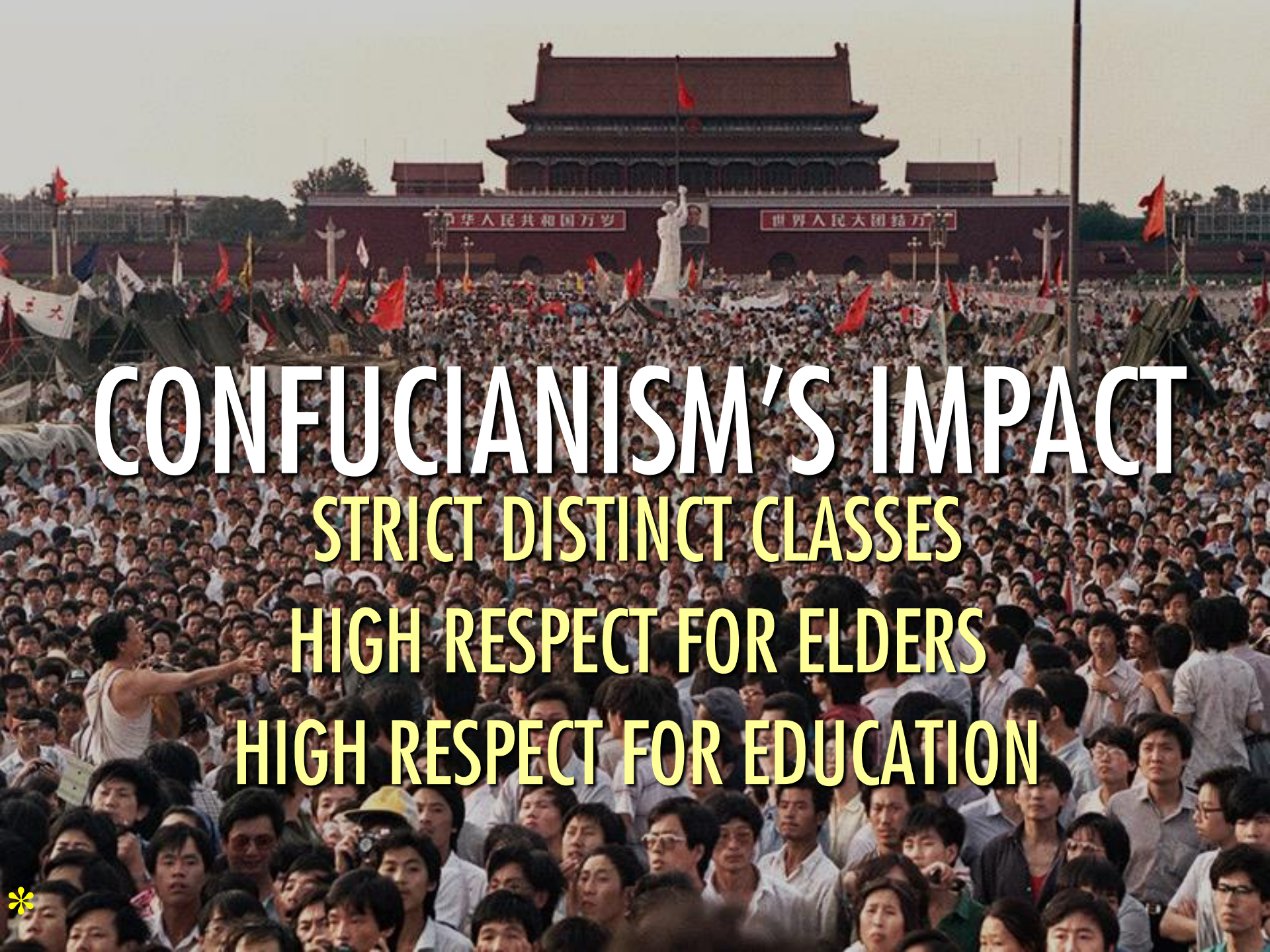
Anyone learning without thought is lost, anyone thinking but not learning is in peril.

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To study and not think is a waste.
To think and not study is dangerous.

CONFUCIUS—





CONFUCIANISM'S IMPACT

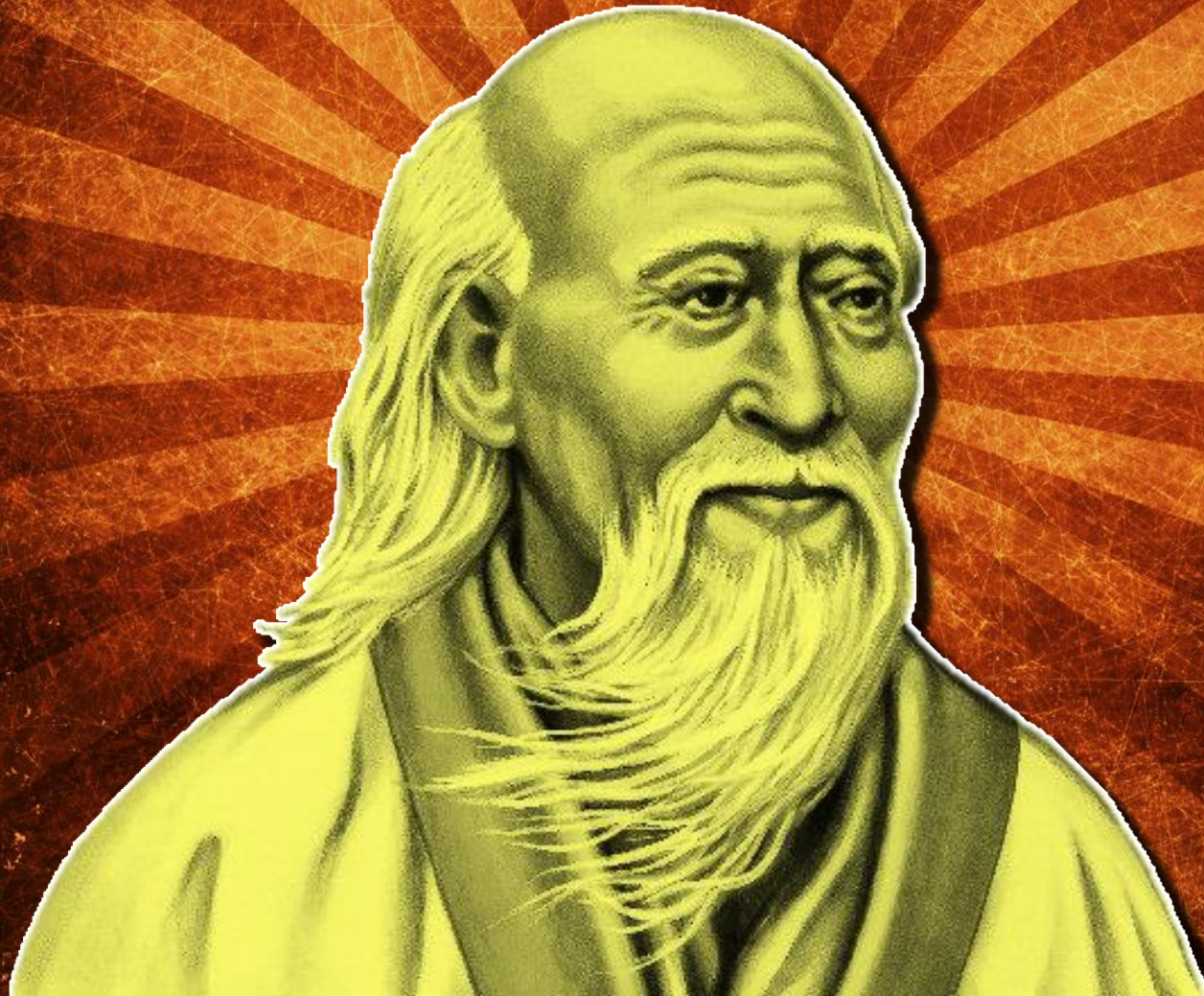
STRICT DISTINCT CLASSES

HIGH RESPECT FOR ELDERS

HIGH RESPECT FOR EDUCATION



Taoism



LAO TSU

(C. 600S-500S B.C.)

MAJOR WRITING

TAO TE JING (500s B.C.),
ZHUANGZI (400s B.C.)

PHILOSOPHY TAOISM/DAOISM

MAJOR IDEAS

UNITY = ORDER
LEADER → LEAD BY DOING





WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH SOCIETY?

The problem is that humans get out of harmony, try to bring change rather than accept it, & do not realize that all is ultimately One.



WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?

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1. THE TAO "THE WAY"

REALITY HAS INTELLIGENCE, FLOW,
PATTERN, NON-CONTROLLED

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2. WU WEI "EFFORTLESS ACTION"

PURPOSEFUL ACCEPTANCE, STILLNESS,
EXPERIENCING THE WORLD, NATURE DOESN'T HURRY





"USE THE FORCE LUKE. LET GO."

“The best people are like water, which benefits all things and does not compete with them... It stays in lowly places that others reject. This is why it is so similar to the Dao”
LAO TZU—



“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don’t resist them — that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.”

LAO TZU—

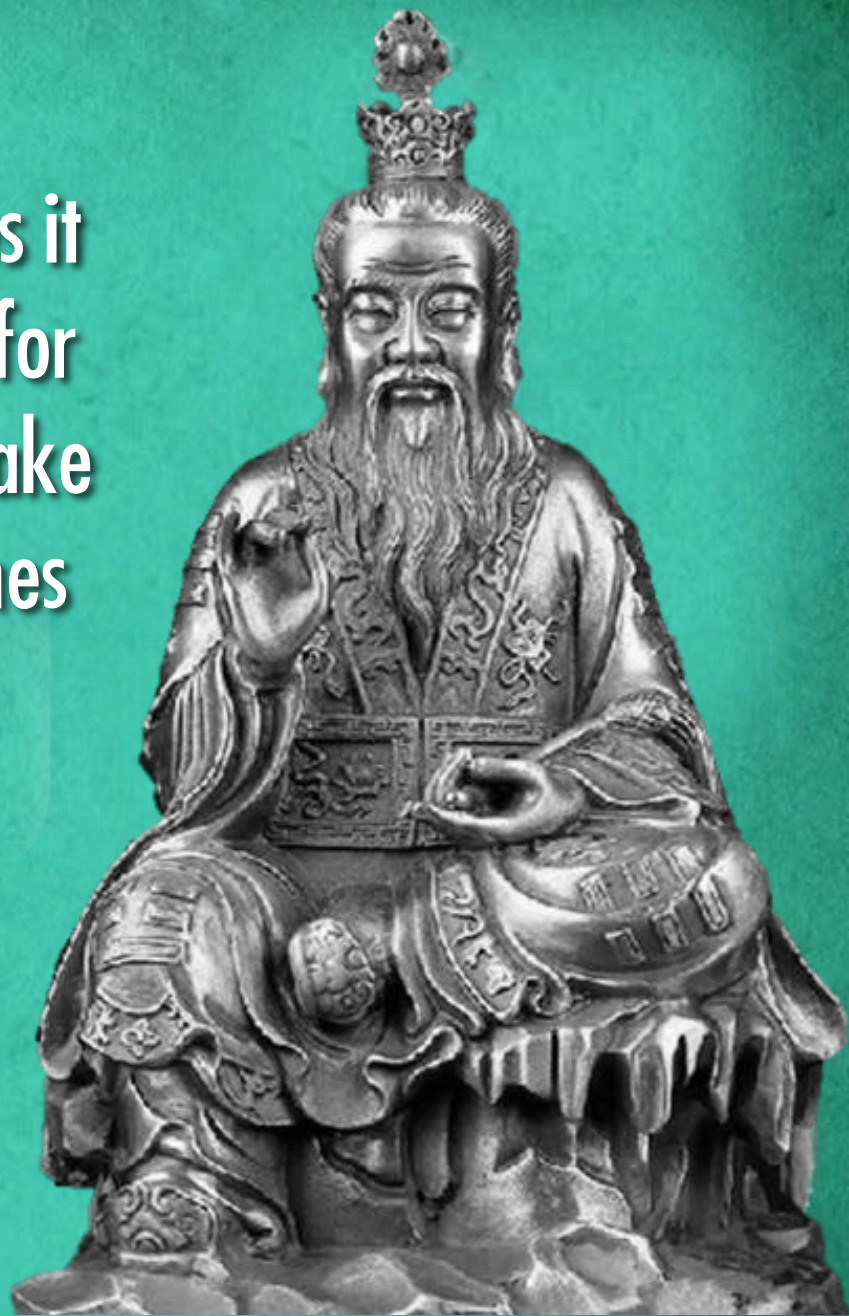


"Shape clay into a vessel;
It is the space within that makes it
useful. Cut doors and windows for
a room; It is the holes which make
it useful. Therefore benefit comes
from what is there; Usefulness
from what is not there."

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"When I let go of what I am,
I become what I might be."

LAO TZU—





YIN

Feminine

Passive

Darkness

Cold

Weak

Earth; Moon

YANG

Masculine

Active

Light

Warmth

Strong

Heaven; Sun

LEGALISM



HAN FEI

(C. 280-233 B.C.)

MAJOR WRITING

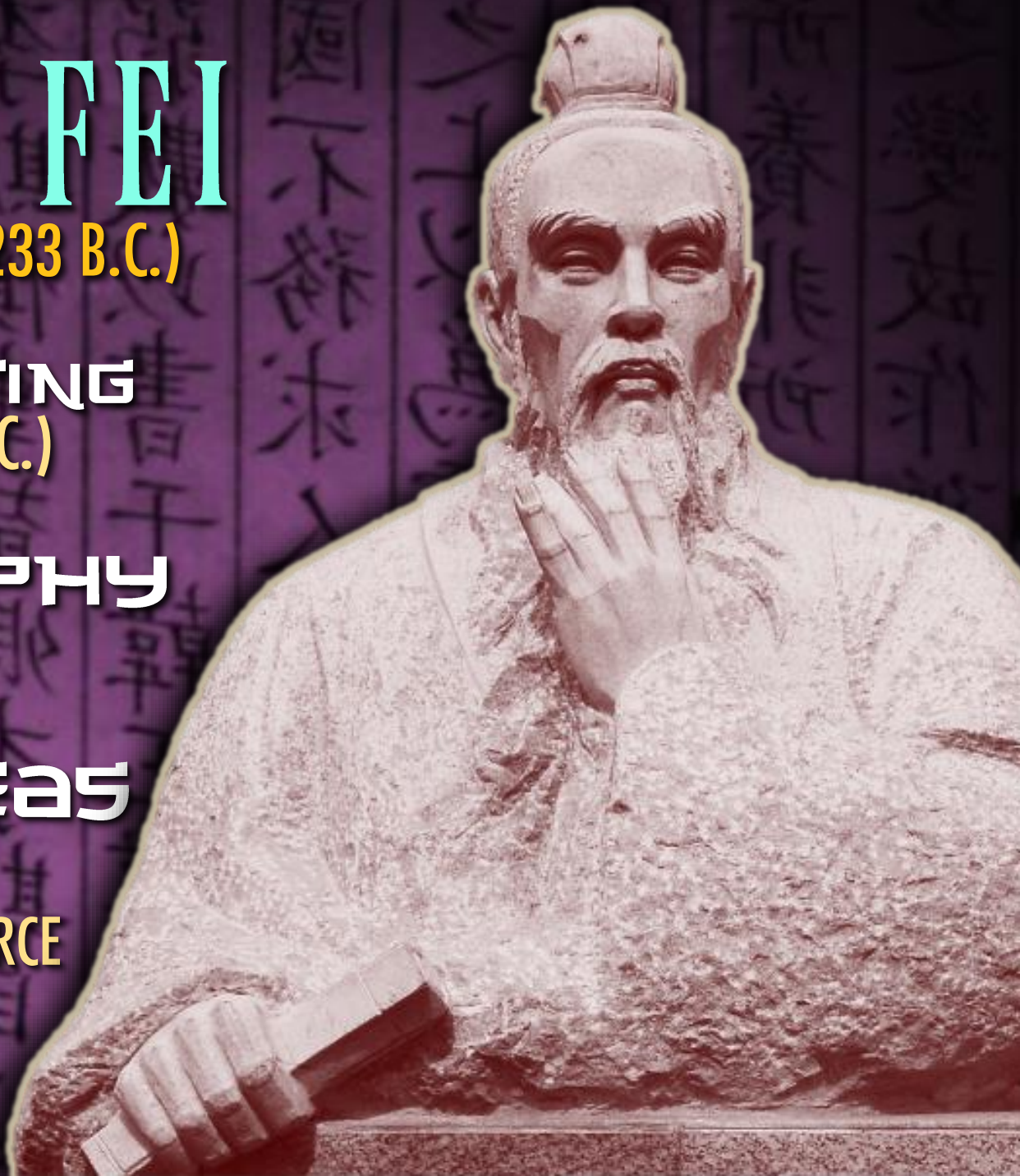
HAN FEIZI (c. 200s B.C.)

PHILOSOPHY
LEGALISM

MAJOR IDEAS

LAW = ORDER

LEADER → LEAD BY FORCE





WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH SOCIETY?

Human beings are selfish & short-sighted. They inherently seek their own security & benefit. For many the point of having power is self-indulgence which leads to corruption and breakdown of the state.

This is the reason there are so many problems in the world.



WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?

1. REWARDS & PUNISHMENTS

EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE SO USE & STRICTLY ENFORCE OBJECTIVE LAWS

2. COMPETENT BUEACRACY

ADVANCEMENT ONLY ACHIEVED THROUGH ABILITY & SUCCESS

3. THE 'NON-ACTION' LEADER

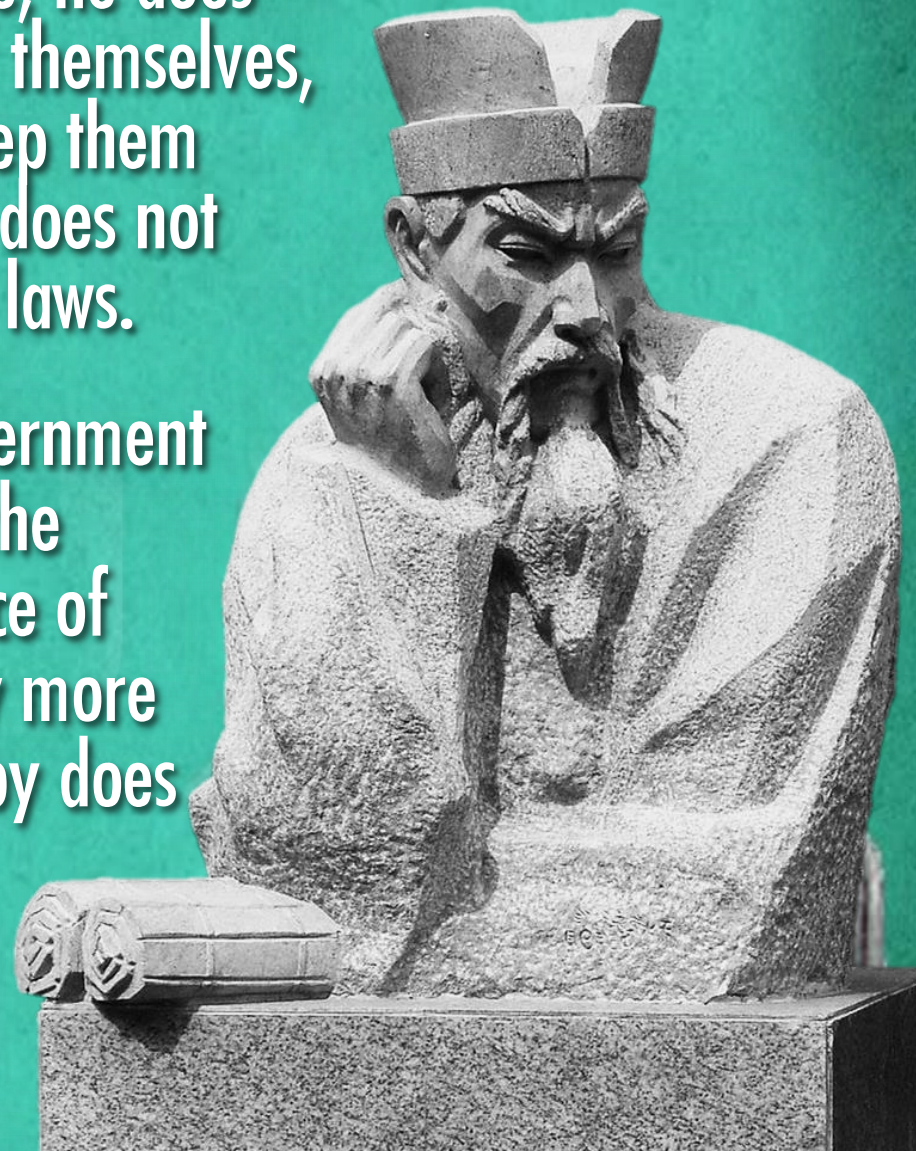
LEADERS SHOULD NEVER REVEAL, BE FRUGAL, & STRICTLY ENFORCE LAW



"When the wise man rules the state, he does not count on people doing good of themselves, but employs measures that will keep them from doing any evil.... The ruler does not busy himself with morals, but with laws.

Those who are ignorant about government insistently say: 'Win the hearts of the people' ... Actually, the intelligence of people is not to be relied upon any more than the mind of a baby...the baby does not understand that suffering a small pain is the way to obtain a great benefit...

HAN FEIZI —



“The ruler regulates penalties and increases punishments for the purpose of repressing the wicked, but the people think the ruler is severe... This is the method of attaining order and maintaining peace, but the people are too ignorant to appreciate it.”

HAN FEIZI —

